

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 19 Sep 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 20 Sep 2023

Forecast Issued on Monday 18 Sep 2023 at 15:31 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the unsettled, and at times wet and windy period.

Headline for Tuesday 19 Sep 2023: Windy with rain and drizzle, heavy at times.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 19 Sep 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms

Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

Medium Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Heavy rain showers (night)	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
60%	60%	60%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%

Forecast for Tuesday 19 Sep 2023

Weather: Mostly cloudy with showers or longer outbreaks overnight and early morning, these wintry at first over the highest summits. The rain turning lighter and more patchy during the morning, but becoming more persistent and occasionally heavy again in the afternoon. Heavy and persistent rain in the evening, perhaps the odd rumble of thunder. Windy, occasional summit gales.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% mid-morning to early afternoon, otherwise 10%

Low Cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud, base 300 to 600m, perhaps lifting and breaking for a time early in the day. Visibility moderate to very poor, becoming good for a time mid-morning to early afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	31/39 SW	30/37 S	28/36 SW	29/36 SW	28/37 SW	27/36 SW	21/26 SE	39/49 S	37/50 SW
900	21/29 SW	18/25 SW	18/25 SW	19/26 SW	21/29 SW	21/29 SW	13/18 SE	24/34 S	27/40 SW
600	27/34 SW	21/27 S	21/28 SW	22/29 SW	24/32 SW	26/34 SW	10/14 E	23/31 S	30/42 SW
300	14/23 SW	11/19 S	11/17 SW	12/19 SW	15/23 SW	13/22 SW	6/10 E	14/23 SE	16/29 SW
Glen	11/23 SW	9/19 SW	7/16 SW	10/20 SW	11/23 SW	12/23 SW	4/10 SE	8/22 SE	11/26 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	1/-7	0/-7	1/-6	2/-5	3/-4	2/-4	4/-2	8/2	8/3
900	3/-2	3/-2	4/-2	5/-0	6/0	5/0	5/2	8/4	10/6
600	6/0	6/1	6/1	7/2	8/3	8/3	8/5	10/7	12/7
300	8/5	8/5	8/6	9/7	10/7	10/7	9/8	12/10	13/11
Glen	10/7	9/7	9/8	11/9	12/10	12/10	11/10	12/11	14/13
Freezing Level*	1300m	1400m	1400m	1400m	1600m	1600m	2800m	2900m	2600m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Overall a poor day, but small windows of better weather possible.

Forecast for Wednesday 20 Sep 2023

Weather: Showers or longer outbreaks of rain overnight and during the morning, perhaps the odd rumble of thunder. Some drier and brighter conditions developing in the afternoon, the best of these across the Arrochar Alps down to Goat Fell. However, still some showers, these continuing into the evening.

Maximum wind: Southwest 40 gusting 55mph, easing 25 gusting 35mph later in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% overnight and during the morning, becoming 60% through the afternoon and evening, best chance in the south of the area. Visibility moderate or poor in rain or showers, very poor at times over the summits. Often very good in the afternoon and evening lower down.

Low Cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud, base 600 to 900m overnight and during the morning, lifting 900 to 1200m in the afternoon. Visibility mostly very good, but moderate to very poor in overnight rain and showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 to 15 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 10 Celsius, falling to 5 Celsius in the evening.
Freezing level: Above the summits.